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of the case and will, unless the full relief requested is granted, inform applicants of their right to request review of the decision by the Secretary of Defense (SecDef). Applicants will also be informed:

(1) Of the name and address of the official to whom the request for review must be submitted.

(2) That the request for review must be submitted within ninety days after receipt of the decision by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(3) That the request for review must be in writing and include the applicant's name, address, and telephone number; a copy of the application to the AFBCMR and the final decision of the Secretary of the Air Force; and a statement of the specific reasons the applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the Secretary of the Air Force.

(4) That the request must be based on the Board record; requests for review based on factual allegations or evidence not previously presented to the Board will not be considered under this section but may be the basis for reconsideration by the Board under § 865.6.

(c) Decisions in cases filed under Section 507, Public Law 103-160. The Secretary will issue a decision within 60 days of receipt of the case of an officer who:

(1) Was offered the opportunity to be discharged or separated from active duty under the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) programs,

(2) Elected not to accept such discharge or separation,

(3) Was thereafter discharged or separated from active duty, after September 30, 1990, as a result of selection by a board convened to select officers for early separation (a "RIF board"),

(4) Files an application with the Board within two years of the date of separation or discharge, or one year after March 1, 1996, whichever is later, alleging that the officer was not effectively counseled, before electing not to accept discharge or separation under the VSI/SSB programs, concerning the officer's vulnerability to selection for involuntary discharge or separation ("RIF"), and

(5) Requests expedited consideration under this section.

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(d) Upon finding of ineffective counseling, the Secretary will provide the officer with an opportunity to participate, at the officer's option, in the VSI or SSB programs or, if eligible, in an early retirement program.

(e) In cases under §§ 865.5(b) and 865.5(c) which involve additional issues not cognizable under those sections, the additional issues may be considered separately by the Board under §§ 865.3 and 865.4. The special time limits in §§ 865.5(b) and 865.5(c) do not apply to the decision concerning these additional issues.

§ 865.6 Reconsideration of applications.

The Board may reconsider an application if the applicant submits newly discovered relevant evidence that was not available when the application was previously considered. The Executive Director will screen each request for reconsideration to determine whether it contains new evidence.

(a) If the request contains new evidence, the Executive Director will refer it to a panel of the Board for a decision. The Board will decide the relevance and weight of any new evidence, whether it was reasonably available to the applicant when the application was previously considered, and whether it was submitted in a timely manner. The Board may deny reconsideration if the request does not meet the criteria for reconsideration. Otherwise the Board will reconsider the application and decide the case either on timeliness or merit as appropriate.

(b) If the request does not contain new evidence, the Executive Director will return it to the applicant without referral to the Board.

§ 865.7 Action after final decision.

(a) *Action by the Executive Director.* The Executive Director will inform the applicant or counsel, if any, of the final decision on the application. If any requested relief was denied, the Executive Director will advise the applicant of reconsideration procedures and, for cases processed under the Military Whistleblowers Protection Act, review by the SecDef. The Executive Director will send decisions requiring corrective

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action to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, for necessary action.

(b) *Settlement of claims.* The Air Force is authorized, under 10 U.S.C. 1552, to pay claims for amounts due to applicants as a result of correction of military records.

(c) The Executive Director will furnish the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) with AFBCMR decisions potentially affecting monetary entitlement or benefits. DFAS will treat such decisions as claims for payment by or on behalf of the applicant.

(d) DFAS settles claims on the basis of the corrected military record. Computation of the amount due, if any, is a function of DFAS. Applicants may be required to furnish additional information to DFAS to establish their status as proper parties to the claim and to aid in deciding amounts due.

(e) *Public access to decisions.* After deletion of personal information, AFBCMR decisions will be made available for review and copying at a public reading room in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

§ 865.8 Miscellaneous provisions.

(a) At the request of the Board, all Air Force activities and officials will furnish the Board with:

(1) All available military records pertinent to an application.

(2) An advisory opinion concerning an application. The advisory opinion will include an analysis of the facts of the case and of the applicant's contentions, a statement of whether or not the requested relief can be done administratively, and a recommendation on the timeliness and merit of the request. Regardless of the recommendation, the advisory opinion will include instructions on specific corrective action to be taken if the Board grants the application.

(b) *Access to records.* Applicants will have access to all records considered by the Board, except those classified or privileged. To the extent practicable, applicants will be provided unclassified or nonprivileged summaries or extracts of such records considered by the Board.

(c) *Payment of expenses.* The Air Force has no authority to pay expenses of any kind incurred by or on behalf of an

applicant in connection with a correction of military records under 10 U.S.C. 1034 or 1552.

Subpart B—Air Force Discharge Review Board

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§ 865.100 Purpose.

This subpart establishes policies for the review of discharges and dismissals under 32 CFR part 70, "Discharge Review Boards Procedures and Standards," 47 FR 37770, August 26, 1982. 1982, and explains the jurisdiction, authority, and actions of the Air Force Discharge Review Board. It applies to all Air Force activities. This subpart is affected by the Privacy Act of 1974. The system of records cited in this subpart is authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1553 and 8012. Each data gathering form or format which is required by this subpart contains a Privacy Act Statement, either incorporated in the body of the document or in a separate statement accompanying each such document.

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(a) Title 10 U.S.C., section 1553.

(b) Title 38 U.S.C., sections 101 and 3103, as amended by Pub. L. 95-126, October 8, 1977.

(c) DOD Directive 5000.19, "Policies for the Management and Control of Information Requirements," March 12, 1976.

(d) DOD Directive 5000.11, "Data Elements and Data Codes Standardization Program," December 7, 1964.

(e) DOD Directive 5000.12-M "DOD Manual for Standard Data Elements," December 1981.

(f) DOD Directive 1332.14, "Enlisted Administrative Separations," January 28, 1982.

(g) DOD Directive 5400.7, "DOD Freedom of Information Act Program," March 24, 1980; title 5 U.S.C., section 552.

(h) DOD Directive 5400.11, "Department of Defense Privacy Program," June 9, 1982; title 5 U.S.C., section 552a.